

CHAPTER NO. 654**SENATE BILL NO. 2596****By Ford****Substituted for: House Bill No. 3134****By Armstrong, John DeBerry, Odom, Hargett, McDaniel, Michael Turner**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-310, relative to reports of hospitals licensed by the Department of Health, and reports of hospitals licensed by the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities under Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, Chapter 2, Part 4.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-310, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and by substituting instead the following:

(a)(1) All hospitals licensed by the Department of Health or by the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities shall, within one hundred five (105) days after the end of each individual hospital's fiscal year, submit to the Department of Health a joint annual report of the statistical particulars relative to their patients for the fiscal year.

(2) If a hospital closes or changes ownership during the fiscal year, the owner of the hospital at the beginning of the fiscal year shall file a joint annual report with the Department of Health for the period of time that the hospital was owned or operated. The joint annual report shall be submitted within one hundred five (105) days after the close or change of ownership.

(3) If the Department of Health determines there are errors in the joint annual report, the hospital will be notified of the errors and will be required to provide corrections to the Department of Health within fifteen (15) business days of notification.

(4) Any hospital that submits a joint annual report to the Department of Health pursuant to this section also shall submit to the department, at the same time the hospital sends the signed paper copy of the report, a notarized statement from the hospital's financial auditor stating that the financial data reported on the joint annual report is consistent with the audited financials for the hospital for that reporting year. The notarized statement shall also be attested to by an official of the submitting hospital.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-310(b), is amended by deleting the language "and when such report is to be filed" and substituting the language "but may request early completion of the report, portions of the report or special reports when requested to do so by the office of the comptroller or at other times, but only after consultation with the Tennessee Hospital Association".


SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-310(c)(1), is amended by deleting from the second sentence the language "ten (10) calendar days" and substituting instead the language "fifteen (15) business days from receipt of the deficiency".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-310, is amended by adding the following subsection:

(d) The Department of Health shall compile, finalize, and make available to the public an electronic compilation of the statistics reported by the hospitals for the fiscal years ending during a calendar year by November 1 of the following year.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 3, 2004


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 14th day of May 2004


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR